

HOUSE RESOLUTION 166

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend Dr. Lynn Bumpus Dandridge upon being named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Reverend Dr. Lynn Bumpus Dandridge, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Dandridge was elected pastor of Central Baptist Church in 2009, the same church where she was spiritually nurtured and ordained by her deceased Pastor and mentor, Dr. Reuben Green; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation from Melrose High School in Memphis, Dr. Dandridge attended Lane College in Jackson and later returned to Memphis to begin her teaching career at Georgia Avenue Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dandridge served for thirty-nine years as a teacher, during which tenure she was listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for multiple years; two weeks before her retirement, she received her Master of Divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary, graduating summa cum laude; she later returned and earned a Doctor of Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dandridge is a devout member of a number of organizations, including the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Regional One Clergy Council, and the Mid-South Covenant Churches, which she previously served as president; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Willie Dandridge, her two adult daughters, Adria Chambers and Andrea Dandridge, and her granddaughter, Kayla; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Dr. Dandridge be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Reverend Dr. Lynn Bumpus Dandridge on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry of 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.